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- 11. The following are answers to questions posed in Ref A:
- -- The Ministry of Health (MOH) has one old thermal scanner at the Rangoon International Airport. According to WHO Country Representative Adik Wibowo, the thermal scanner is made by Singapore Technology Electronic Company and has two parts: the infrared heat calibrator is made by American-owned Omega Company, model BB702, and the camera is made by Italian-owned Manfrotto Company, model 486RC2. The MOH is using laser temperature gauges to monitor temperatures at other ports of entry.
- -- The MOH is scanning all passengers arriving at the Rangoon International Airport, the Mandalay International Airport, the Thilawa Port of Rangoon, and 16 border crossings. Incoming visitors on all flights and boats, regardless of origin, are scanned.
- -- The MOH defines "elevated temperature" as 100 degrees Fahrenheit/38 degrees Celsius or higher.
- -- In addition to monitoring temperatures of incoming visitors, the Ministry of Health requires visitors to fill out an influenza health card, detailing prior contact with influenza cases and travel during the previous 10 days (Ref B). According to Deputy Director of Health Dr. Kyaw Nyunt Sein, a visitor with only an elevated temperature will not be quarantined. If s/he has a temperature, other flu-like symptoms, and has travelled in an A/H1N1-infected country, the individual may be quarantined. Only the individual with flu-like symptoms will be quarantined, rather than all persons traveling with the infected individual, Dr. Kyaw

Nyunt Sein explained. DINGER